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the specification of which was filed on July 14, 2006 as United States application Serial No. 10/586,432.

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Prior Foreign Application(s)			Priority Claimed
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The undersigned hereby authorizes the U.S. attorney or agent named herein to accept and follow instructions from the Assignee of this application as to any action to be taken in the United States Patent and Trademark Office regarding this application without direct communication between the U.S. attorney or agent and the undersigned.

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